

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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LENT 4: From Exceptionalism to Inclusion

Luke 15:1-3;11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NOTE: WE WILL BE SINGING TODAY!
PLEASE KEEP YOUR MASKS ON

Sunday March 27, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Alexis Simmons Song Leader: Laverne Martin
Pianist: Katherine Rochester A/V Technician: Chris Brown
Speaker: Dawne Driedger

We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional lands of the Neutral,
the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee peoples.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #563 Come, Thou Fount

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: rejoicing that we are creations in Christ

Leader: From a human point of view, we demand what is ours,

**People: but through Jesus we learn that all share
in God's inheritance.**

Leader: Let us join God's feast.

People: where all celebrate together

All: *Let us live out God's way of inclusion.*

Opening Prayer

Leader: Holy One,

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God. For our thoughts are not your
thoughts, and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for thinking we deserve special treatment.
Lead us to racial inclusion.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten Journey, let us see
your way more clearly.

All: *and follow your way more faithfully.*

Psalms 32:1-11

Hymn: VT #377 New Earth, Heavens New

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Readings: Luke 15:1-3;11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Message: From Exceptionalism to Inclusion

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #564 What Wondrous Love Is This

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #797 We Are People of God's Peace

Blessing

Postlude

****During Lent, we will have two periods for silent reflection during the service—after the Bible reading and after the sermon. We encourage you to bring your Bible for that time of reflection.**

Our theme for Lent is “Seeking God’s Ways.” Lent is a time to repent – to turn from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God as revealed in Jesus. As we reflect on the Lenten scripture readings we realize that they reveal truth about the ways of God, as well as the ways God’s people get it wrong. And so, we will be invited to consider how we might think God offers one thing but what God really offers can look quite different. Our hope is that within this theme of “seeking God’s ways” we will discover space and encouragement to grow more and more faithful to Jesus.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS TODAY!

Discussion Time: resumes next Sunday.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Mar 28 to Mar 30		KyongJung at TiM program
Wed Mar 30	2 pm	Pastoral Care meeting
Thurs Mar 31	1 to 2 pm	Prayer meeting
Tues Apr 5	10 am	Fidelias
Thur Apr 7	7 pm	Worship Team meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Ontario Government lifted the Mask mandate but Council suggests that we continue to wear our masks for a little while longer as we worship together. We would like to provide a safe and comfortable environment for everyone. Some of the ropes will be removed from the front of the sanctuary while a few will remain on the back pews. Let's continue to work on this together.
- **Good news from Fidelias!** We have been blessed financially and have decided to donate \$1000 to MCC designated for the Crisis in Ukraine. Continue to pray with us for the people living in this nightmare and for a peaceful resolution to the conflict with Russia and Ukraine.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is Mark 15:21-28. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300
- **Interfaith Prayer Service for Ukraine:** Christians Together Waterloo Region is sponsoring an interfaith prayer service for Ukraine at St. Anthony Daniel Roman Catholic Church on Monday April 4 at 7pm. Several of us are planning to attend. Please contact the office if you would like to attend and need a ride.
- **New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale Promotion Dinner** is on Apr 25 at 6:30pm at Bingemans. A chance to connect with community and support MCC. Delicious buffet-style dinner and a display of historic quilts. Tickets \$25, must purchase in advance. Order at nhmrs.square.site or call MCC 519-745-8458 (press 3).

SPRING INTO ACTION FOR CAMBRIDGE FOOD BANK

The Spring into Action campaign is promoting fresh and garden produce but is still in need of non-perishable items. The most needed items are: spreads like peanut butter, jam and mayonnaise, cereal, canned protein like ham, tuna and salmon, school snacks, canned fruit, baked brown beans, canned pasta, crackers, and menstrual products.



Please leave your donations in boxes provided in the front or back lobbies or you may donate by designating "Food Bank" on your



offering envelope.

Mennonite Central Committee

Relief, development and peace
in the name of Christ



Responding to conflict in Ukraine—You can provide relief today
Russian military forces have invaded Ukraine by land, sea and air.
Missiles have struck major cities and casualties continue to grow.
MCC will be responding to the crisis through our local partners.
Your donations and prayers will help partners scale up their work
Providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced
people.

DONATE TODAY! 888-622-6337 or www.mcccanada.ca/ukraine
or 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9

Be sure to check out the artistic display in the upper foyer on the
bulletin board done by Erin Panning.



OFFERING

Three ways to give: Cheque; Automatic giving; or E-transfer to treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com

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